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Jiangsu

The Province of Jiangsu sits on the coast of the People's Republic of China, on the edge of the Yellow Sea. China's greatest river, the the southern portion of the province and the ancient Grand Canal, marvelled at by Marco Polo in the north-south transportation route. of Rice and Fish' have been cultivated for thousands of years and its principal city Nanjing or 'Southern Capital' was the first home of the Ming Dynasty. The city of Suzhou, termed 'The Venice of the East' and founded more than 2,500 years ago. developed as an important centre

Cover: Detail of a work by Xu Beihong





for the arts and remains worldfamous for its classical gardens

Today, Jiangsu is China's most densely populated province, with 65 million inhabitants living in a space one-tenth the size of Ontario. It has the greatest industrial and agricultural output of any Chinese province and has been designated as one of three key areas in China where high quality, high efficiency projects are to be concentrated.

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In recent years, China and the West have reached out to each other in an unprecedented desire for mutual growth and understanding. Ontario and Jiangsu recognized the potential for a partnership which could

A restored 19th C. theatre in Suzhou





lead to many economic, social and cultural benefits and so entered into a formal twinning (a first for Ontario) in November, 1985. Governor Gu (first woman Governor of a Chinese province) visited Ontario at that time and Premier Peterson made a reciprocal visit to Jiangsu in October, 1986. Then, in January, 1987, the Ontario-Jiangsu Science & Technology Centre was opened in Nanjing, a co-operatively run facility designed to assist with the development of training and business

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As the Chinese say, "You can find a friend 10,000 kilometres away, but without friendship two neighbours

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will not talk to each other". From the beginning, both provinces agreed that a twinning could only succeed if there was an atmosphere of friendship, understanding and respect and that one of the surest ways to achieve this was through exchanges of cultural experience. To this end, an agreement has been signed to encourage the artists and cultural organizations of each province to explore and celebrate their differences and to educate audiences about life in the other province.

The Arts Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship & Culture administers a program to assist with such exchange projects—tours by performing groups, art or craft exhibitions and study visits by artists are all examples of what might be done. Assistance may take the form of advice, help with contacts, or funding.

Those interested in developing a cultural exchange with Jiangsu should write or telephone:

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La province de liangsu est située sur la côte de la République populaire de Chine, aux confins du fleuve laune, Le Polo s'était émerveillé au XIII siècle. demeure une importante voie de riantes de cette "Terre de riz et de milliers d'années et la grande ville de de Suzhou, baptisée la "Venise de artistique et demeure célèbre dans le





Aujourd'hui, sur une superficie dix fois plus petite que l'Ontario, le ment peuplée de la Chine, avec une population de 65 millions d'habitants. Le Jiangsu a la plus grande production provinces chinoises et elle a été projets de haute qualité et de haute efficacité.

Jumelage Ontario-Jiangsu

Au cours des dernières années, la Chine et l'Occident se sont rapprochés avec le désir sans précédent de rechercher la croissance et la compréhension mutuelles. L'Ontario et le association idéale pouvant déboucher

Théáire restauré, á Suzhou, datant du 19°s.





lage (une première pour l'Ontario) en novembre 1985. Le gouverneur Gu (la verneur d'une province chinoise) a visité l'Ontario à cette occasion et le premier ministre Peterson s'est à son la technologie Ontario-Jiangsu, installation coopérative concue pour favorises portes à Nanjing en janvier 1987.

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"On peut se faire un ami à 10 000





que le jumelage ne pouvait réussir que dans une atmosphère d'amitié, de les échanges culturels étaient le spectateurs sur la vie dans l'autre

des Affaires civiques et culturelles de l'établissement des contacts ou d'un

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